

## 13 Students To Have Artwork Featured In Kansas Calendar

Governor Kathleen Sebelius and KDHE Secretary Roderick L. Bremby recognized 13 student artists from across Kansas during an awards ceremony May 20 in Topeka. The students represent grades kindergarten through 12.

The student artwork will be featured in the 2006 ***Kansas Don't Spoil It!*** calendar published by KDHE to promote recycling, reuse, and waste reduction. More than 4,000 pieces of original artwork were submitted for the 7<sup>th</sup> annual calendar art contest sponsored by KDHE. Student artists were encouraged to depict ways Kansans can preserve the beauty and natural resources of our state by not littering and reducing solid waste.

"The artwork KDHE receives reveals incredible talent among our youth in Kansas," said KDHE Secretary Roderick L. Bremby.

"Their concern for the environment also comes through in the beauty of their work. It's important for Kansas children to think about preserving our beautiful state at an early age so they can develop lifelong habits to protect our environment."



Matt Parmalee, a senior from Kansas City, Ks, will have his winning entry on the front cover of the 2006 ***Kansas Don't Spoil It!*** calendar.

KDHE will print approximately 20,000 copies of the ***Kansas Don't Spoil It!*** calendar for distribution this fall to schools, local government, and businesses throughout the state. The calendar contest has seen increased student participation as well as use by teachers as a resource tool for both art and environmental studies. Contest winners receive a savings bond, Kansas memorabilia, and ***Kansas Don't Spoil It!*** backpacks.

Winners who will have their artwork featured in the 2006 calendar are:

Lauren Dempewolf, Kindergarten, Colby  
Cristal Ramirez, 1<sup>st</sup>-grade, Wichita  
Fabian Dominguez, 2<sup>nd</sup>-grade, Dodge City  
Kelsi McLaughlin, 3<sup>rd</sup>-grade, Olathe  
Sierra Hall, 4<sup>th</sup>-grade, Leon  
Maggie Blanchard, 5<sup>th</sup>-grade, Manhattan  
Heber Jimenez, 6<sup>th</sup>-grade, Hugoton  
Denise Gonzalez, 7<sup>th</sup>-grade, Dodge City  
Cassie Kniebel, 8<sup>th</sup>-grade, White City  
Kenton Wolf, 9<sup>th</sup>-grade, Quinter  
Corey Dir, 10<sup>th</sup>-grade, Goddard  
Darcy Hubka, 11<sup>th</sup>-grade, Wilson  
Matt Parmalee, 12<sup>th</sup>-grade, Kansas City, KS

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***Kansas Don't Spoil It !*** is an public awareness and educational program to encourage Kansans to keep our state clean, beautiful, and environmentally strong. The program's goal is to minimize the amount of waste and pollution in the environment by committing to the 3 R's: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. More information on how to reduce, reuse, and recycle in your home and community can be found at:

<http://www.kansasdontspoilit.com>

Phyllis Funk, center, Bureau of Waste Management graphic designer, is thanked by KDHE Sec. Roderick Bremby and Gov. Kathleen Sebelius for her work creating the annual calendar.



Gov. Sebelius and Sec. Bremby greeted the winners of the Kansas Don't Spoil It! calendar contest with a special reception at the Governor's office May 20, followed by an awards ceremony at Memorial Hall. The 2006 calendar will be distributed this fall around the state.